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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
24 APR 1959

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 24 APR 1959	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD FEB 1 1959	APR 7 1959
TITLE OF CASE FLORENCE PASTERNAK, aka.		REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS E. MURPHY		TYPED BY htc
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C		

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Reference

Report of SA CHARLES O. DAVIS, dated  
4/25/58, at New York.

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Will attempt to ascertain the present place  
of employment of subject.

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Informant

## Identity of Source

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
b7d	4/3/59	LEROY W. SHEETS
	4/2/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
	3/31/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
	3/31/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
	3/26/59	JOHN A. HAAG
	3/26/59	JOHN A. HAAG
	3/30/59	ROBERT E. TAYLOR
	4/3/59	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH

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Copy to: 1 - INS, NYC (RM)

Report of: FRANCIS E. MURPHY Office: New York  
Date: 24 APR 1959  
File Number: New York (100-55806) Bureau (100-398487)  
Title: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

**SECURITY MATTER - 9**

**Synopsis:** Subject, white female, resides 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, LI, NY, and presently is employed as an office worker, but employment is unknown.

also served as membership and financial director for Sunnyside Section registered CP member

Certain informants with knowledge of CP activities in NYC area do not know the subject. No recent information found in records of NYCPD, BSS.

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Details:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On April 7, 1959, [REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was determined that the subject resided at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York. 67E

Employment

[REDACTED] April 7, 1959, by the Special Agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject was gainfully employed doing office work, but her place of employment has not been determined. 67E

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

1. Membership, 1959

[REDACTED] advised on April 3, 1959, that the subject was currently a registered CP member from the Sunnyside Section of the Queens County CP. 67E

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Report of: FRANCIS F. MURPHY  
Date: 24 APR 1959

Office: New York

File Number: New York (100-55805)

Bureau (100-393487)

Title: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject, white female, resides 45-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, LI, NY, and presently is employed as an office worker, but employment is unknown.

[REDACTED] b7d  
Subject also served as member and Financial Director for Sunnyside Section [REDACTED] Subject  
unregistered CP member [REDACTED][REDACTED]  
Certain informants with knowledge of CP activities in NYC area do not know the subject. No recent information found in records of NYPD, DSS.

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NY 100-55803

Details:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On April 7, 1959, [REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was determined that the subject resided at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York. 67E

Employment

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

1. Membership, 1952

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
24 APR 1959

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-398487)

DATE: MAY 11 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55806)

SUBJECT: FLORENCE PASTERNAK, aka  
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Rerep SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY dated 4-24-59, New York.

Through information given by [REDACTED] was made by SA MURPHY to Stillwell 4-8550 a number listed to the Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd St., Long Island City, N.Y. The call was made this date. b7E

[REDACTED] it was determined that the subject is currently employed at this concern as a clerk. b7E

The Milex Co. is operated by GEORGE DAVID, a Security Index subject of this office.

A FD -122 will be submitted immediately.

There being no further leads outstanding in this matter the NYO will close this case.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-398487)

DATE: 5/11/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55806)

SUBJECT: FLORENCE PASTERNAK, aka  
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Card Sent 00  
3/19/59

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Milex of New York 43-34 43rd Street Queens, New York		
100-398487- NOT RECORDED		
23 MAY 13 1959		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address 46-19 Skillman Avenue Sunnyside, Queens, New York		

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-398487)

DATE: 11/25/59

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SUBJECT: FLORENCE PASTERNAK, aka  
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
ADD <sup>0</sup> Clerical Work  100-398487		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address _____		

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SUBJ: FLORENCE PASTERNAK  
FBI - NEW YORK

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REGISTERED MAIL

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date A. M. - 11	Investigative Period <b>2/24/60-3/23/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FLORENCE PASTERNAK aka</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	STAMPED BY <b>b7c</b> <b>488</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

### REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/24/59, at  
New York.

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*Final Report  
3/21/1960*

### ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED] mentioned in the Employment and  
Residence sections of the Background of this report were made  
by SA [REDACTED] on 3/0/60 [REDACTED]

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy 3 1-INS, NYC (RM)

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c Office, New York

Date: APR - 5 1960

File Number: New York (100-55806)

Bureau (100-398467)

To: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, and is presently employed as a clerical worker for Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York.

[REDACTED] Certain informants with knowledge of CP activities in the NYC area, when contacted in March 1960, did not know the subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

[REDACTED] On March 9, 1960, [REDACTED] a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI) determined that the subject resided as of that date at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York. b7E

B. Employment

[REDACTED] On March 9, 1960, a Special Agent of the FBI, through [REDACTED] determined that the subject was employed as a clerical worker with Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York. b7E

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

[REDACTED] that a reception was given to WILLIAM WEINSTONE at the Hungarian House, Bronx, New York City, for the purpose of raising funds to send WEINSTONE on a trip to the Soviet Union. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the subject was present at this affair which was held on [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] advised that as of that date the subject was a member of the Queens County CP Committee (QCCPC). b7d

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain informants with knowledge of CP activity in the New York area, could furnish no information concerning this subject in March 1960.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

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Residence sections of the Background of this report were made  
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Copy to:

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Report of:  
Date:

SA [REDACTED]

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Official

New York

File Number:

APR 9 1960  
New York (100-55306)

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Bureau (100-398487)

Title:

FLORRENCE PASTERNAK

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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[REDACTED]  
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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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B. Employment

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III. MI C LIAISON

Certain informants with knowledge of CP activity in the New York area, could furnish no information concerning this subject in March 1960.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c Office: New York  
Date: 3-10-60

File Number: New York (100-55806) Bureau (100-398487)

Title: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, and is presently employed as a clerical worker for Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens.

[REDACTED] Certain informants with knowledge of CP activities in the NYC area, do not know the subject.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

On March 9, 1960, [REDACTED] Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI) determined that the subject resided as of that date at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York. b7E

B. Employment

On March 9, 1960, a Special Agent of the FBI, [REDACTED] determined that the subject was employed as a clerical worker with Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York. b7E

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

[REDACTED] that a reception was given to WILLIAM WEINSTONE at the Hungarian House, Bronx, New York City, for the purpose of raising funds to send WEINSTONE on a trip to the Soviet Union.

[REDACTED] advised that the subject was present at this affair which was held on [REDACTED] b7d

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker", January 17, 1940, page 14, identified WILLIAM WEINSTONE as a member of the New York State CP Committee.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist party newspaper.

[REDACTED] advised that as of that date the subject was a member of the Queens County CP Committee (QCOPC). b7d

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain informants with knowledge of CP activity in the New York area, could furnish no information concerning this subject in March 1950.



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New York, New York

Florance Pasternak  
Security Matter - C

Information is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] and captioned as above, at New York.

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TITLE OF CASE		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed by: <b>b7c</b> <u>DAG</u>
CHARACTER OF CASE			
<b>FLORENCE PASTERNAK aka</b>		<b>SM - C</b>	

### REFERENCE:

## Report of SA

4/5/60, at NY.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Subject was observed on 9/15/60, by

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It is noted that the subject's spouse, MORRIS PASTERNAK is on the Security Index in the NY Division, and is subject of NY 100-52334 and Bufile 100-236265.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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The informants contacted negatively regarding the subject are:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
7.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information from a live valuable informant, which if disclosed, would hamper FBI investigations and would be injurious to the national defense. *b7d*
8.  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she was uncooperative when contacted in the past; she continues to be intensely active in the CP; *b7d*
9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) *b7d*
11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Date:

Field Office File No.: New York 100-55806

Office: New York, New York

Bureau File No.: 100-398487

Title: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides 46-19 Skillman Ave., <sup>Sunnyside, NY,</sup> Queens, NY, and is employed at Milex of NY, 43-34 43rd St., Queens, NY.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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the subject's residence at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, was determined.

B. Employment

On September 15, 1960, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject doing clerical type work at Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department, were reviewed concerning the subject by [REDACTED] on August 22, 1960, with no pertinent information located. b7c

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as reviewed on August 24, 1960, by [REDACTED] reflected that the subject had a 1959-62 operator's license. She was

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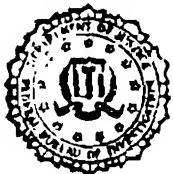
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described as born, July 21, 1905; height, 5 feet 2 inches; weight, 138 pounds; hair, grey; eyes, blue.

Some other informants who have some knowledge of Communist activities in the New York City area, were contacted regarding the subject in August, 1960, with negative results.

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**Title** Florence Pasternak

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Reference report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date 1960	Investigative Period <b>8/19 - 9/22/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FLORENCE PASTERNAK aka</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed by: <b>b7c</b> pag
		<b>SM - C</b>	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/5/60, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Subject was observed on 9/15/60, by SA [REDACTED]

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It is noted that the subject's spouse, MORRIS PASTERNAK is on the Security Index in the NY Division, and is subject of NY 100-52334 and Bufile 100-236265.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

[REDACTED] b7d

The informants contacted negatively regarding the subject are:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent

[REDACTED] b7d

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6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

7.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) it contains information from a live valuable informant, which if disclosed, would hamper FBI investigations and would be injurious to the national defense.

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8.  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she was uncooperative when contacted in the past; she continues to be intensely active in the CP;

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9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Date:

Office:

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Field Office File No.:

New York 100-55806

Bureau File No.:

100-398487

Title:

FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 46-19 Skillman Ave., <sup>Sunnyside</sup> Queens, NY, and is employed at Milex of NY, 43-34 43rd St., Queens, NY.~~b7c~~

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDA. Residence~~b7E~~

The subject's residence at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, was determined.

B. Employment

On September 15, 1960, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject doing clerical type work at Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

The CP, USA has been designated  
by the Attorney General of the  
United States pursuant to Exec-  
utive Order 10450.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS),  
New York City Police Department, were reviewed concerning the  
subject by [REDACTED] on August 22, 1960, with no  
pertinent information located. b7c

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, as re-  
viewed on August 24, 1960, by [REDACTED] reflected  
that the subject had a 1959-62 operator's license. She was

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described as born, July 21, 1905; height, 5 feet 2 inches; weight, 138 pounds; hair, grey; eyes, blue.

Some other informants who have some knowledge of Communist activities in the New York City area, were contacted regarding the subject in August, 1960, with negative results.

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**Title** Florence Pasternak

Reference report of Special Agent and captioned as above, at New York.

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Field Office File No.: New York 100-15906

Bureau File No.: 100-393437

Title: **FLORENCE PASTERNAK***b7c*

Office: New York, New York

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 46-19 Skillman Ave., <sup>Sunnyside,</sup> Queens, NY, and is employed at Milex of NY, 43-34 43rd St., Queens, NY.*b7d*

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DETAILSI. BACKGROUNDA. Residence*b7E*  
The subject's residence at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, was determined.B. Employment

On September 15, 1960, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject doing clerical work at Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York.

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## II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### Communist Party (CP) Membership

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## III. MISCELLANEOUS

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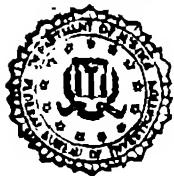
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Described as born, July 21, 1905; height, 5 feet 2 inches; weight, 138 pounds; hair, grey; eyes, blue.

Some other informants who have some knowledge of Communist activities in the New York City area, were contacted regarding the subject in August, 1948, with negative results.

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## Title

Florence Pasternak

## Character

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## Reference

report of Special Agent

[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. F. Bland

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing

SUBJECT: FLORENCE PASTERNAK

DATE: November 28, 1960

Johnson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Persons \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Traylor \_\_\_\_\_  
W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob. Ross \_\_\_\_\_  
Impey \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum showing departmental approval dated November 4, 1960, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2774.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date	Investigative Period <b>8/1/61 - 9/21/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FLORENCE PASTERNAK aka</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By <b>b7c</b> <b>dmo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE	<b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

RECORD

REFERENCE

Report of SA

[REDACTED] 9/29/60, New York.

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Distribution

A copy of this report is being furnished INS, NYC, in view of subject's naturalization and in accordance with Bureau letter to Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, dated 4/19/57.

Identity of Special Agents

The Special Agents who observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK, on 1/30/61, to enter 33-43 14th St., Long Island City, Queens, N.Y. were SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who were conducting a surveillance (NY 100-26603-C41-Sub B). b7c

The Special Agents who observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter and leave the residence at 39-91 48th St., Sunnyside, Queens, New York, on 2/15/61, were SAS [REDACTED] who were conducting a surveillance. (NY 100-26603-C41-Sub B). b7c

The Special Agents who observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter the residence of ELIZABETH MERKELSON, 112-13 39th Ave., Corona, Queens, N.Y., on 3/7/61, and who observed ELIZABETH GURLEY ELYNN leaving the above residence on the same date, were SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who were conducting a surveillance (NY 100-26603-C41-Sub B). b7c

The Special Agents who observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter the residence of ELIZABETH MERKELSON, 112-13 39th Ave., Corona, Queens, N.Y. on 5/4/61, were SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who were conducting a surveillance. (NY 100-26603-C41-Sub B). b7c

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

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at Headquarters of  
the USJMS, 940 Broadway,  
NY, NY, on 11/19/60.

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Bank, New York Trust  
5th Ave. and 29th St., NY  
Request, due to nature  
of position and information  
furnished)

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed in this report and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the informants must be concealed.

The other informants familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York area, who could furnish no information concerning the subject, were contacted on the dates indicated by the following named Special Agents:

INFORMANT

DATE CONTACTED

CONTACTING AGENT

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5.  Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) it contains information furnished by [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which may jeopardize the future usefulness of this informant and, at the same time, may be injurious toward the best interests of the National Defense.

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8.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/7/50  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she was uncooperative when last contacted [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

b7d [REDACTED]

11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
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Report of:

Date: September 29, 1961

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Office:

NEW YORK

Field Office File No.: 100-55806

Bureau File No.: 100-398487

Title:

FLORENCE PASTERNAK

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

FLORENCE PASTERNAK resides at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, and is employed by Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York. FLORENCE PASTERNAK was reported as of August, 1961, as a member of the Astoria CP Club.

[REDACTED] Description set forth.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

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[REDACTED] a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on September 20, 1961, it was determined that FLORENCE PASTERNAK resides at 46-19 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside, Queens, New York.

B. Employment

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[REDACTED] Special Agent of the FBI on September 11, 1961, it was determined that FLORENCE PASTERNAK is employed by Milex of New York, 43-34 43rd Street, Queens, New York, doing clerical work.

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NY 100-55806

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

[REDACTED]

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The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

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B. Attendance At CP Meetings

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK attended an enlarged Combined CP meeting of the Astoria and Sunnyside CP Clubs held at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the KENNEDY Administration to review the MORTON SOBELL Case by sending letters to both President KENNEDY and Attorney General KENNEDY of the United States. b7d

At 8:25 p.m. on January 30, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter the address 33-43 14th Street, Long Island City, Queens, New York.

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Information concerning MORTON SOBELL  
has been subsequently set forth in  
this report.

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At 8:30 p.m., on February 15, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter the residence at 39-91 48th Street, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, and at 11:15 p.m. on the same date, they were observed leaving the above-mentioned address.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised in March, 1961, that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN would speak at a meeting at the home of ELIZABETH MERKELSON, 112-13 39th Avenue, Corona, Queens, New York, on March 7, 1961. b7d

[REDACTED] advised in late March, 1961, that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN spoke at the CP meeting on March 7, 1961, mentioned above, as scheduled. b7d

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At 8:26 p.m., on March 7, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed FLORENCE and MORRIS PASTERNAK enter the residence of ELIZABETH MERKELSON, 112-13 39th Avenue, Corona, Queens, New York, and at 11:27 p.m., on the same date, Special Agents of the FBI observed ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN leaving the above-mentioned residence in the company of other individuals.

[redacted] advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected to the National Committee and made Vice-Chairman of the CP, USA. b7d

"The Worker", in its edition of June 18, 1961, on page 1, column 3, identified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman of the CP.

"The Worker" is a weekly East Coast Communist newspaper.

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New York, New York

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New York 100-55806

Title Florence Pasternak

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] at New York,  
dated and captioned as above. 67c

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NY T-7 and NY T-8, who were in positions to furnish reliable information.

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Identity of Special Agents

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conducting a surveillance (NY 100-20003-C41-Sub B).

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

FILE # WHERE LOCATED

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Used to characterize CP  
meeting of 3/7/61

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The other informants familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New York area, who could furnish no information concerning the subject, were contacted on the dates indicated by the following named Special Agents:

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
[REDACTED]	8/2/61	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	3/1/61	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	3/3/61	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	3/3/61	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	8/3/61	[REDACTED]

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) it contains information furnished by [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which may jeopardize the future usefulness of this informant and, at the same time, may be injurious toward the best interests of the National Defense.
8.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/7/50  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she was uncooperative when last contacted  
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[REDACTED]
9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
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[REDACTED]
11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Office: NEW YORK

Field Office File No. 100-55806

Bureau File No. 100-398487

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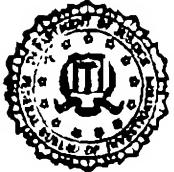
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NY T-8 on various dates in 1961, advised that the following checks were drawn on the checking account of the CSJMS:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser</u>
3250	March 28, 1961	FLORENCE PASTERNAK	\$20.00	Chase Manhattan
3294	April 26, 1961	FLORENCE PASTERNAK	\$20.00	Chase Manhattan

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<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser</u>
3350	May 26, 1961	FLORENCE PASTERNAK	\$20.00	Chase Manhattan

The information furnished by NY T-3,  
as set forth above, cannot be made  
public without the usual prior  
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

Records of the Bureau of Special Services,  
New York City Police Department, checked by SA [REDACTED]  
on August 2, 1961, contained no identifiable information  
concerning FLORENCE PASTERNAK. b7c

Other informants familiar with some phases of  
CP activity in the New York area, were contacted in August,  
1961, at which time they advised that they could furnish no  
information concerning FLORENCE PASTERNAK.

### IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained from  
the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York, New  
York, which were checked by IC [REDACTED] on  
August 3, 1961. b7c

Name	FLORENCE PASTERNAK
Race	White
Sex	Female
Birth date	July 21, 1905
Height	5'2"
Weight	138 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
1959-1962 New York State Operator's License number	3837532

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APPENDIX

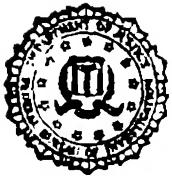
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL.

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIA ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERG'S codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory listed the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bureau 100-39417  
New York 100-55305

Title Florence Pasternak

Character Security Matter - C

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] at New York,  
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-7 and NY T-8, who were in positions to furnish reliable information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bulle. 100-398487)

DATE:

3/1/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55806)

SUBJECT: FLORENCE PASTERNAK, aka  
SM-C  
OO:NY

Card UTT  
Card 3/9/62  
3/9/62  
Mar/

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Key Facility Data		
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT RECORDED		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
12 MAR 6 1962		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		
MAR 12 1962 48th Street Long Island City, Queens, New York		
SUBJ CONTROL		

2-Bureau (100-398487)  
1-NY (100-55806)

GRR:mt

REGISTERED MAIL

100-398487

FILE # 100-398487

SUBJECT FLORENCE PASTERNAK

SERIAL 17 DATE 9-28-62

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE SEP 26 1962	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/27-9/20/62
TITLE OF CASE  FLORENCE PASTERNAK aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY chj
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SM - C	b7c

### REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/29/61,  
at NY.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] on 9/20/62, was a  
[REDACTED] made by SA [REDACTED]  
to the subject's residence. An individual who identified  
herself as the subject furnished the reported information.  
SA [REDACTED]

A copy of this report is being furnished to  
INS, NYC, in view of the subject's naturalization and  
in accordance with Bureau letter to Assistant Attorney  
General, WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, dated 4/19/57. Surveillances

APPROVED F. [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
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DATE FWD. 10/1/62	10/1/62	10/1/62	10/1/62	10/1/62	10/1/62
FROM FWD. D.J.					
BY NET					
NOTATIONS					
SUBJ [Signature]					

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED:

were conducted in the vicinity of the subject's residence to determine any possible subversive activity on the part of the subject. During the course of these surveillances no pertinent information was obtained. Below listed are the dates upon which these surveillances were conducted and the identities of the surveilling agent or agents:

<u>Date of Surveillance</u>	<u>Identity of Agent</u>
4/2/62	[REDACTED]
4/3/62	[REDACTED]
4/5/62	[REDACTED] b7c
4/9/62	[REDACTED]
4/12/62	[REDACTED]

The subject was observed on 1/25/62 by SAS [REDACTED] This surveillance is reported in the attached report.

[REDACTED] The subject was observed on 5/29/62 by SAS [REDACTED] b7c This surveillance is reported in attached report.

The subject was anonymously mailed the below listed articles:

The article "Two Jews Executed in Russia", which appeared in the 3/26/62 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune". This mailing list was completed on 4/25/62.

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